Lesson 06 - Hosea, Prophet of Grace

Power Text

"In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons [& daughters] of the living God'"

Hosea 1:10, NIV

Across

1. Jezreel, remember, was the town in Israel where the king's great-grandfather massacred the royal family. It's almost like there is already a scandal attached to the ____.

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10. Jehu's great-grandson Jeroboam II is now king. The people of Israel follow his wicked ways. They are rich but have forgotten that their ____ comes from God. Looking & feeling good have become more important to them than doing good.

11. [Sunday's lesson] Read "Hosea, Prophet of Grace." Who is the ____ of this story? In your Bible study journal, write your reason for choosing the hero of the story that you did.

Down

1. [Wednesday's lesson] Read Hosea 3. Have you ever experienced a ____ friendship? What can you do to repair a broken friendship? Record your answer in your Bible study journal.

2. Hosea's little family is a tiny ____ of their neighbors & of the whole nation. Unfaithful, they run after other gods.

3. Then Gomer has a daughter, Lo-Ruhamah, meaning "pitied" or "____." This time Hosea does not say that Gomer bore him a child, because he suspects that he is not the child's father. "Didn't I tell you Gomer was up to no good?" the neighbors whisper.

4. So Hosea writes the story of his family & his ministry. After explaining the names of his children, given by God, he adds a ____ , also given by God "In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"

5. But Hosea marries Gomer & she has a baby boy (Hosea 1:3). The young father, giddy with joy, names his son Jezreel, a name God picked.

6. "We wouldn't blame you, Hosea, if you didn't love this son," they say. "It isn't really yours. But isn't it too bad that ____ has gone off again & left you three little ones to care for?"

8. They don't get it; Hosea loves his wife & children deeply. Later he proves this by ____ back his wife for half the cost of a male servant.

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